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Title: METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE CONCENTRATION OF THROMBIN INHIBITORS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the coagulation inhibiting substance not interfering in the transformation prothrombin/active meizothrombin or Mtdesfgl, resp., is selected from the group "calcium-complex forming agents, heparin, heparinoids, anti-thrombin III, protein C, fibrin polymerization inhibiting substances and mixtures of such substances". 41

4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the substance dissociating prothrombin into meizothrombin or Mtdesfgl, resp., is selected from the group of the snake venoms or snake venom fractions. 13